

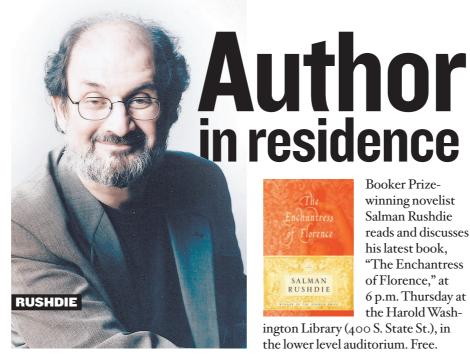
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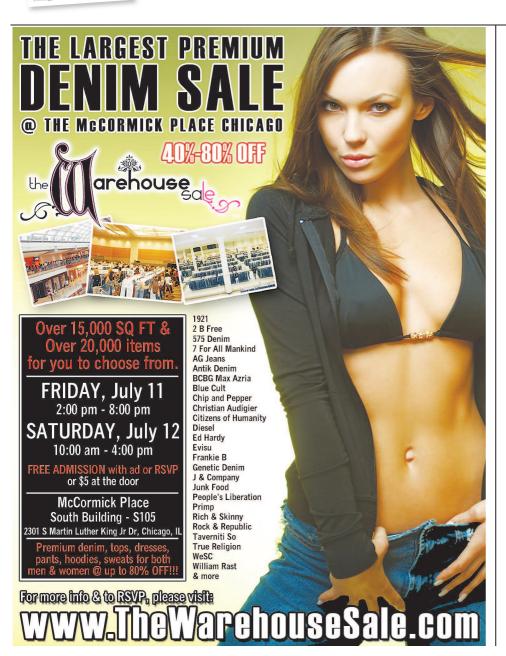
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RAQ'S FUTURE

Nation's ground forces should be proficient by '09, Army leader says

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Iraqi ground forces should become proficient by mid-2009, possibly as early as April, an Army general told Congress on Wednesday.

The assessment by Lt. Gen. James Dubik suggests that U.S. troops could start stepping back around that time from ground combat missions, the most dangerous in Iraq. Dubik, who for the past year led efforts to train Iraq's army and police units, said his estimate depended on several factors and did not take into account when other components of Iraq's security forces would become more independent.

Overall, Iraq's security forces have control of just half its 18 provinces. While the

ROOM TO GROW

Lt. Gen. James Dubik said Irag's security forces have grown from 444,000 to 566,000 since he took command of the Multi-National Security Transition Command in 2007. They are better able to execute operations on their own, he said.

Defense Department recently estimated Iraq could take the lead in all the provinces by the end of this year, other military officials have said 2009 is more realistic.

"Declaring full success too early is a risk," said Dubik, who is retiring after 37 years of service. "There has been huge progress. There has been significant improvement in every possible way you can measure it. But full success is not yet at hand."

But the fast-growing force lacks experienced leaders and the ability to train all its

recruits. More specifically, Iraq's military forces does not have the aviation and other specialized capabilities that "are not going to be fixed in the short term," he said.

Lawmakers pressed Dubik about when he thought the Iraqis could take more control.

"In your opinion, when will the Iraqis be able to handle their own security so our troops no longer have to do it?" asked the chairman, Rep. Ike Skelton (D-Mo.).

"I would not put an 'X' on the calendar, Mr. Chairman," Dubik answered. One reason, he said, is that the Iraqis have yet to decide on critical military purchases, including aircraft.

When Skelton asked Dubik to consider ground forces only, the general said it would be in the middle of next year before they would be considered fully capable.

"It could be as early as April. It could be as late as August," he said.



Gelotophobia no laughing matter

ALCALA DE HENARES, Spain From the frontiers of mirth research, scholars offer these words of comfort: If you are mortified of dancing for fear of being the butt of jokes, don't worry, you are far from alone.

There's even a word for it—gelotophobia. Sound like a disease involving Italian ice cream? No, it's the potentially debil-

itating fear of being laughed at.

This condition-the term comes from gelos, Greek for laughter-was among the topics discussed this week at a four-day meeting of the International Society for Humor Studies, an Oakland, Calif.-based collective of psychologists, sociologists, linguists and

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

A typical gelotophobe could hear a stranger's laugh and think it is aimed at him. In an extreme case this could provoke breaking out in a sweat, heart palpitations, trembling or simply freezing up.

other academics who probe funniness from every conceivable angle.

To wit: an analysis of how punch lines are timed in Chinese jokes, a Japanese technique that measures electrical currents in people's diaphragms during a belly laugh and a Spanish look at humor and lovemaking, fittingly titled "Let's Make Laugh."

As for gelotophobia, psychologist Willibald Ruch of the University of Zurich said it was first proposed as a distinct phobia-and given a nameabout a decade ago.

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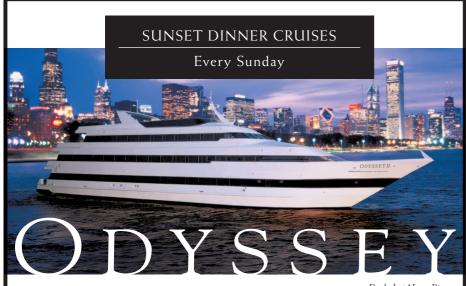


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You don't mess with the Bazer

Once word of the

meaning of my

name spreads,

will my colleagues

and friends finally

begin to fear me

for the power and

cruelty they know I

can unleash?

And do I have

to start lifting

weights?

My father waited 34 years to tell me the news.

"Bazer," the surname he passed down to me, and which I've long cherished for its uniqueness, its slight air of mystery and its "Z," is, it turns out, hardly innocuous, and even less mysterious.

Dad: "Son, I have something to tell you about your name."

Me: "OK."

Dad: "It means 'angry person' in Yiddish. I wanted to tell you now so that ... son,

what are you doing? I'm just telling you the truth. Put me down. Please! Stop! No!!!!!!!!!!"

Thud

Alas, my father, may his soul eternally burn in hell, was right.

A quick Web search revealed, according to the Family Education Network, that "Bazer" is a variant of "Beiser," which is a "nickname for a wicked or aggressive person, from Yiddish beyzer [meaning] 'wicked,' 'severe,' 'bad,' 'angry,' 'fierce.'"

What was going on that day in my ancestors' village, or *shtetl*, when the names were being handed out? When everyone else took on titles befitting their professions,

what kind of raving, unemployable lunatic must the original Bazer have been? My word, what possibly could he have done to be given such a name? Murder the fiddler on the roof?

Being saddled with the knowledge that your last name could quite simply mean "bad" is hard enough to take. But then there's the matter of my first name: Mark, which—let's go to the Family Education Network again—means "warring," "warlike" or the much more peaceful "hammer."

So, "Mark Bazer" means "Warlike Angry Person." In other words, it's the most violent, despicable name a human being could have. (Actually, check that. Had my parents gone with "Marc," it'd be worse: "Warlike Angry French Person.")

The question I now face is where to

go from here. Once word of the meaning of my name spreads, will my colleagues and friends finally begin to fear me for the power and cruelty they know I can unleash? And do I have to start lifting weights?

Armed with this new knowledge, I've also begun to ponder how much more powerful, how much more evil, some of the greatest villains or all-around angry characters could have been had they benefited from a simple name change.

Would Marvel Comics genius Stan Lee have had more success if he'd discarded the name "Hulk" and gone with "The Incredible Mark Bazer"? Should we now have "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Bazer"? Is it too late to change the White House stationery to read Vice President Mark Bazer?

On the flip side, I wonder if instead of reveling in my newfound badness, I should now be doing everything in my power to distance myself from my name. Should I devote the rest of my days to walking the earth renouncing cruelty wherever I go? To toiling for peace at every opportunity? Or would this tack end horribly wrong, with my birth name ultimately

overpowering me and an entire village of kittens slaughtered?

You people, with your names like "Hope" and "Faith" and "Sunday Rose Kidman Urban," can never understand the inner turmoil that I now must face each and every day.

Oh, what could my parents, who back then still remembered their fair share of Yiddish and must have known what my first name meant, been thinking? "Why, pray tell, did you name me Mark Bazer?" I asked my mom this morning.

Alas, it was hard to make out what she was saying from the inside of my trunk.

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CORRECTION

Metromix provided incorrect details for the weekly "Shear Genius" viewing party at Zella. The event every Wednesday night includes giveaways and gift bags for the first 25 guests.





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For summer travelers, delays, cancellations, lost luggage and a wave of new fees have made getting there none of the fun

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Talk back to Rita RedEye

What's your biggest peeve with airlines? E-mail ritaredeye@ tribune.com and don't forget to include your first and last name, age and neighborhood.

After last summer's travel nightmare of delays and cancellations, airlines and the federal government promised that things would be better this year. But, so far, this summer is iust as miserable.

Summer travel is still a mess—a result of bad weather, financially strained airlines and an air-traffic-control system still not able to cope with all of

In June, nearly 30 percent of all flights were late or canceled, with the average delay running 62 minutes, according to FlightStats, a flighttracking service. That's just about as bad as June last year, when 31 percent of flights didn't arrive on time and the average delay was 61 minutes,

"We're still struggling," said Robert Cordes, vice president of operations planning and performance at American Airlines. "There has not been much change from last year, and last year was not a stellar year."

Chicago and New York have been the biggest bottlenecks this summer, and the nation's two biggest airlines-American and United-have been the most delay-plagued among big carriers so far this summer.

Airlines and the Federal Aviation Administration blame particularly bad weather so far this year, including the storms that caused flooding in

Travelers wait in line after a canceled American Airlines flight in

April. [MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO]

"It's been challenging," says Nancy Kalinowski, the FAA's vice president of system operations services. "There are a lot of things in place that we think are making a difference" but delays have increased at key airports, particularly in Chicago and New York.

Paul Keckley, a health-industry consultant, ran into a typical summer travel nightmare in late June when he was flying from Washington, D.C., to Las Vegas on JetBlue, which also has struggled in on-time performance. His plane sat waiting to take off for two hours. "The pilot made light of it," Keckley said, announcing, "'We will know

something in 30 minutes ...' four times."

Instead of arriving at 10:25 p.m., he got to Las Vegas at 12:45 a.m. His hotel, Mandalay Bay, was overbooked, so after waiting 30 minutes in line at the front desk, he was sent to another hotel. He had time for a shower before he had to join phone calls at 4 a.m. Vegas time, then flew back later that day after meetings.

"I actually rumpled the sheets to make myself feel like I had a room even though I got no sleep," he said. "It's not fun to travel."

A JetBlue spokesman says weather and airtraffic congestion make it difficult to operate on time. "The best long-term solution remains increasing the capacity the aviation system is

Wall Street Journal

the nation's air traffic.

according to FlightStats.

At O'Hare, a major hub for both American and

United, only 55 percent of June flights were on time, compared with 65 percent last year. United says 31 percent of all flights at O'Hare had an air-traffic-control delay in June, compared with 21 percent last year. Those delays result from bad weather and airport congestion, a United spokeswoman said.

Fee-asco

Faced with a down economy and high fuel costs, airlines have begun charging for things that used to be free on flights. Here is a look at some of the different charges. MICHAEL MELLINI REDEYE]

US AIRWAYS

\$2 to purchase non-alcoholic drinks

For domestic flights, the first checked bag weighing less than 50 pounds costs \$15. The second bag costs \$25, with additional bags costing \$100. The airline recently announced it is doing away with the in-flight entertainment systems on many of its flights, according to Bloomberg News. The video systems weigh about 500 pounds, increasing fuel use. The airline also announced a \$2 charge for non-alcoholic drinks.

\$25 for a second bag

Until Aug. 17 a passenger's first checked bag is free and a second checked bag costs \$25. Beginning Aug. 18 the first checked bag costs \$15 and the second \$25. Passengers will be charged additionally for checking more than two bags, or if any bag exceeds 50 pounds or 62 linear inches. Certain "special items" such as sports equipment are also subject to a charge.

AMERICAN

\$20 to book by phone

Passengers booking reservations by phone now will face a \$20 fee. The airline now charges \$6 instead of \$5 for fresh food (sandwiches, for example) and liquor, and also charges for snacks. There is a \$15 fee for the first checked bag and \$25 for the second. Bags Three to Five cost \$100 each, and Bag Six and beyond cost \$200 apiece. Passengers checking in curbside will no longer have to pay \$2 to do so.

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capable of handling," he said.

Many delays result from pre-storm decisions to ground airplanes, which can sometimes be aggressive, compounded by slow recovery by airlines and airtraffic controllers after storms. Airlines complain that some key airports, like O'Hare, aren't handling as many planes per hour as they did just a few years ago.

A change under consideration: Speeding up jets. Flights were slowed down to save fuel, but adding a couple minutes to each flight may end up increasing delays, eating away at fuel savings.

One bright spot: US Airways is per-

forming much better this year than last summer, demonstrating how problems aren't all weather-related. US Airways invested in new baggage-handling equipment, acquired more gates to reduce delays, built more buffer into its schedule and beefed up management at its Philadelphia hub to fix problems there.

Last year's last-place airline in ontime performance among major airlines moved to second-best in June, behind only Southwest, according to FlightStats. Still, travelers say airlines seem more inept at handling delays. Among complaints: churlish crews, stingy amenities and little ability to accommodate people when flights are delayed by storms.

Acting FAA Administrator Bobby Sturgell has seen turmoil firsthand. After a news conference May 22 at LaGuardia to announce FAA plans to reduce summer delays, Sturgell's scheduled flight back to Washington was canceled because of storms. Another flight had a mechanical problem and Sturgell didn't land until 9 p.m., a spokeswoman who traveled with him said.

Then the FAA chief and other passengers had to wait 30 minutes for a gate to open up.

DELTA

\$25 to redeem miles

For domestic flights, a first checked item is free of cost, while a second costs \$25. A surcharge of \$25 has been added to redeem frequent-flier-mile tickets for domestic flights and flights to Canada; a \$50 surcharge has been added for international flights.

\$50 to use miles on a transatlantic flight

Frequent fliers now have to hand over a temporary \$25 charge to redeem awarded tickets for domestic flights, according to The Associated Press. The price increases to \$50 for transatlantic flights and \$100 for flights crossing the Pacific. The airline also will start charging \$15 for a first checked bag.

SOUTHWEST

No new fees

Southwest does not charge extra for checked baggage or for snacks.

Going to O'Hare? You may be singing Blue Line blues

Chicago Tribune

Many travelers learned the hard way Wednesday that CTA trains to O'Hare wouldn't get them all the way to the airport.

Until July 28, airport-bound trains on the Blue Line won't go farther than the CTA rail stop at Rosemont, because of track work to eliminate rail "slow zones." Rosemont is the last stop on the line, about four miles from the airport.

Instead, for about the next three weeks, free shuttle buses will take inbound and outbound Blue Line customers between the Rosemont and O'Hare stops.

News of the construction woes caught many O'Hare-bound travelers by surprise Wednesday, a day after the work began, despite publicity efforts by the CTA.

Rich Stone flew to O'Hare after attending Olympic track and field trials in Eugene, Ore. He wedged himself, his oversized backpack and two smaller bags onto a CTA shuttle bus at about 4:20 p.m.

He criticized the CTA and airport officials for not doing more to alert airline passengers of the delays. But Stone and many other riders noted it's difficult to beat the \$2 CTA fare.

Still, for people who ride the train out of support for mass transit or simply to avoid spending \$50 or more on a taxi, their loyalty and frugality will be tested over the next few weeks.

Blue Line passengers traveling to O'Hare must lug their luggage from the Rosemont platform to a bus stop where shuttle buses take them via River Road and Interstate 190 to a bus/shuttle center located directly above the O'Hare rail station.

The shuttle buses average 9 to 13 minutes each way between the Rosemont and O'Hare stations, worse than the six to seven minutes on average it took when the Blue Line trains crawled through the slow zones at 15 miles per hour, said CTA spokeswoman Wanda Taylor.

"Everything is going well," Taylor said Wednesday. "We've got more than enough buses and haven't had any difficulties."

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WEIS CALLED OUT

Top cop to face City Council's questions about rising violence

Chicago Tribune

A key Chicago alderman and ally of Mayor Daley demanded Wednesday that the city's top cop answer questions and criticism at a public hearing after this year's spike in violent crime was highlighted by a fatal shooting near the Taste of Chicago.

But rising violence is not the sole reason Police Supt. Jody Weis is being called out. In his short tenure since Daley plucked him from the FBI, Weis has been singled out by aldermen as well as some veteran department insiders upset by his changes to the headquarters hierarchy and the command structure in many police outposts around the city.

Ald. Isaac Carothers (29th), chairman of the City Council Police and Fire Committee, set a July 15 council hearing for Weis to discuss rising violence, alleged poor communication with aldermen and a perceived lack of new crime-fighting strategies. Carothers, whose brother is a Chicago police officer, said department morale is "at an all-time low."

The alderman seized on the July 3 shootings in the Loop that killed a 19-year-old and injured three others following the fireworks at the Taste festival, when a small section of the lakefront is crammed with more than I million people from all over the Chicago area.

"He's inexperienced, and it's his first Taste," Carothers said. "I want to see what his response is going to be to deal with this violence, not only at the Taste, but with

'VERY GOOD SUPERINTENDENT'

Mayor Daley said Wednesday that Police Supt. Jody Weis still has his confidence. "Definitely, oh definitely, he's a very good superintendent," the mayor said. Daley still describes the July 3 Loop shootings as an isolated confrontation between gang members.

this unprecedented violence in this city— 13 percent up murders, shootings are up, violence is up, every category is up-and he has to respond to that."

Although violence surrounding the Taste always makes headlines, it's nothing new in recent years. A man was shot dead two blocks from the festival in 2005, and a shooting inside the Taste injured a 15-yearold North Carolina tourist in 2006.

"The seasoned commanders who were in charge in past years, the past three years, are the same commanders and top brass who were responsible for the event this year," police spokeswoman Monique Bond said Wednesday. While this year's Taste plan was similar to years past, Bond said the department would look for ways to improve it.

Weis, Bond added, has agreed to attend the next police and fire committee meeting to hear aldermen's concerns, and he plans to meet with some aldermen this week to brief them on crime issues and listen to concerns.

The recent increase in violent crime, a 13 percent rise in homicides by the end of June according to unofficial numbers,



Ald. Isaac Carothers (29th) talks Wednesday about Police Supt. Jody Weis' handling of the Taste of Chicago shootings last weekend. [NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE PHOTO]

have placed Weis and his performance under scrutiny just six months after Daley appointed him with instructions to significantly change a department battered by corruption and abuse scandals.

Some officers in recent months have

complained privately that Weis is spending too much time on issues such as police misconduct and equipping cops with automatic weapons, while not paying enough attention to others, including complaints of manpower shortages and slumping morale.

Alderman: Clear smoke over stage ban

Chicago Tribune

A Chicago alderman proposed an exemption Wednesday to a city smoking ordinance that would allow actors to light up on stage, days after producers of the musical "Jersey Boys" had to cut smoking out of their show.

"Other major cities are doing this that have smoking bans," Ald. Brendan Reilly (42nd) said Wednesday, citing artistic integrity.

But no matter the lofty aspiration, his proposal wouldn't get around a strict indoor smoking ban by the state of Illinois, say legal experts and lawmakers. And it doesn't exempt film actors, who also appear to be included in the smoking bans, according to city and state officials.



WILL THE REAL BAG BOY PLEASE STAND UP?

OK, hold on. The dude in the Bears jersey with the pretzels, that's RedEye's Bag Boy, whose column appears every Friday in these very pages. But, whoa ... who's this other guy with the funky eyebrows (Are those bird feathers?) playing with his children Wednesday, chilling with a beverage in Millennium Park? We're not revealing the name of our beloved Bags, but the other one is Chris Orbesen from Clearwater, Fla.



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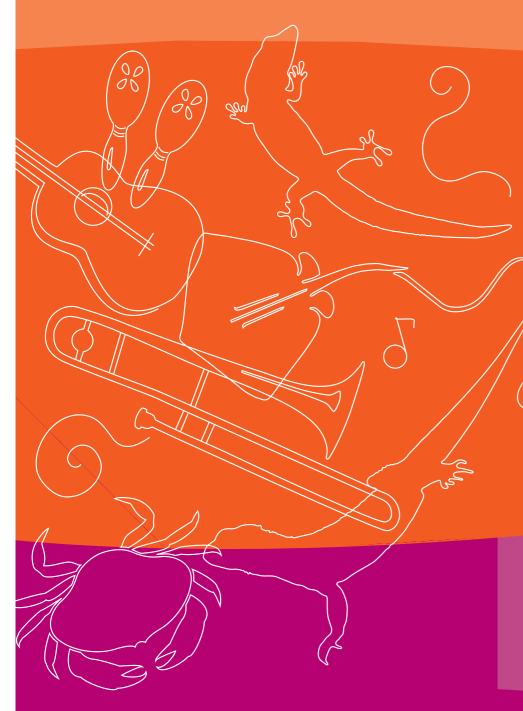
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Rev. Jackson apologizes

Civil rights leader says he regrets making crude comments about Obama

Rev. Jesse Jackson apologized Wednesday for making crude remarks about Sen. Barack Obama that were picked up during an interview with Fox News on Sunday.

The civil rights leader apparently did not know that his microphone was on when he whispered the comments to another guest as he prepared for an interview on "Fox & Friends."

"Barack, he's talking down to black people," Jackson said in a short clip the network aired Wednesday on "Special Report With Brit Hume."

Hume reported that Jackson also "threatened to cut off a certain part of Obama's anatomy."

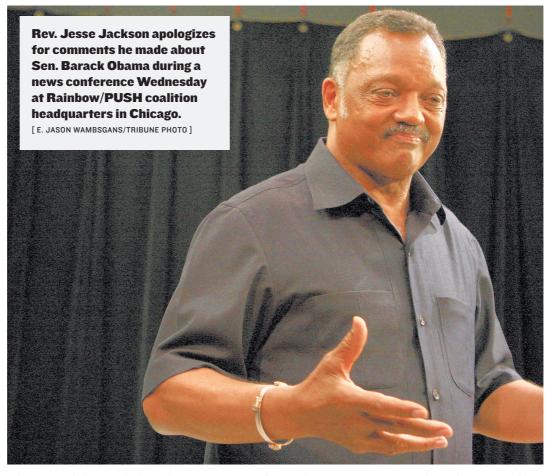
Jackson gave an interview to rival news network CNN expressing regret for his comments, which he said were made as part of a discussion about Obama's calls for more personal responsibility during appearances before black churches.

"I said it can come off as speaking down to black people," Jackson said on CNN's "The Situation Room.

"And then I said something I felt regret for it was crude," he added. "It was very private, and very much a sound bite - and a live mike. And so I feel—I find no comfort in it, I find no joy in it. So I immediately called the senator's campaign to send my statement of apology to repair the harm or hurt that this may have caused his campaign because I support it unequivocally."

Obama's campaign issued a statement almost immediately after Jackson ended his news conference at his Rainbow/PUSH Coalition headquarters on the South Side.

"As someone who grew up without a father in the home, Sen. Obama has spoken and written for many years about the issue of paren-



tal responsibility, including the importance of fathers participating in their children's lives," said Obama spokesman Bill Burton. "He also discusses our responsibility as a society to provide jobs, justice, and opportunity for all. He will continue to speak out about our responsibilities to ourselves and each other, and he of course accepts Reverend Jackson's apology."

CNN did not report the exact words Jackson used during the Fox interview. Anchor Wolf Blitzer said the language was "so crude" that the network could not air it.

The comment triggered condemnation from an unexpected source: Rep. Jesse L. Jackson Jr., Jackson's son.

In a statement, the younger Jackson said he was "deeply outraged and disappointed in Reverend Jackson's reckless statements about Senator Barack Obama."

"Reverend Jackson is my dad, and I'll always love him," he said. " ... I thoroughly reject and repudiate his ugly rhetoric. He should keep hope alive and any personal attacks and insults to himself."

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One of the worst pothole seasons in recent memory is drawing to a close, but you still have plenty of time to file a claim if your vehicle was damaged on the city's streets.

You have up to one year from the date of the incident to file a claim with the city clerk's office. Forms can be obtained from both the clerk's office and the City Council's Committee on Finance or online.

Include a description of the damage and how it occurred, and a police report. If possible, take pictures of the pothole and the damage to your vehicle. If you already have made repairs to your vehicle, include a copy of the bill; if not, include two estimates.

A Finance Committee investigator will check each claim for proper documentation and to make sure the pothole exists. Claims deemed valid are forwarded to the full council for approval. The city will pay half the cost of repairs up to \$2,000.

Claim forms are available at chicity clerk.com/claims.php.

ERHEARD OTHER NOTABLE TIMES RACE HAS COME UP IN OBAMA'S CAMPAIGN FOR THE PRESIDENCY.



"There's only one thing different about Barack Obama when it comes to being a Democratic presidential candidate. He's half African-American."

-RALPH NADER, JUNE 2008



"If Obama was a white man, he would not be in this position."

-GERALDINE FERRARO. MARCH 2008



"I mean, you got the first mainstream African-American who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy. I mean, that's a storybook, man." —SEN. JOE BIDEN, FEBRUARY 2007

Smile, you're on the street sweeper cam

It soon could get even harder to escape the long lens of city cameras.

Mayor Daley wants to use the devices to snare people who defy signs ordering them not to park curbside on street-sweeping days.

Under an ordinance the mayor introduced Wednesday to the City Council, cameras would be installed on street sweepers. They would capture images of the temporary no-parking signs posted on street-sweeping days, as well as vehicles who defy them, triggering \$50 tickets for their owners.

The effort is expected to save the city money because police won't have to be called to the scene to issue tickets, Daley said.

If the program is approved, the city will start by putting cameras on six sweepers, one in each city sanitation district, as well as one that floats among districts.

Should that go well, the city might consider a similar program for vehicles parked on the street that block snow plows when overnight parking bans are in effect, the mayor said.

City cameras already nab construction zonespeeders and red-light scofflaws.

Whole Foods shut down The Whole Foods at

1000 W. North Ave. in Lincoln Park was shut down Wednesday after city health inspectors found mouse droppings. The droppings were found in the back of the store and not on the retail floor or in foodpreparation areas, said a Whole Foods employee who declined to give her name. The store closed soon after an inspection by the Chicago Department of Public Health, according to Crain's Chicago Business.

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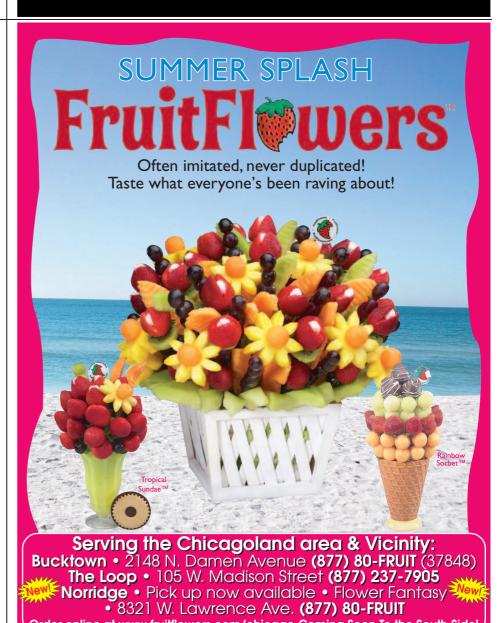
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FROM NEWS SERVICES NATION/WORLD

DNA clears JonBenet's family

 $\textbf{BOULDER, Colo.}\ Prosecutors\ say\ new\ DNA\ tests\ have$ cleared JonBenet Ramsey's family in the 1996 killing of the 6-year-old beauty queen.

Boulder County District Atty. Mary Lacy said Wednesday the tests point to an "unexplained third

She says prosecutors don't consider any member of the Ramsey family to be a suspect.

JonBenet's parents, John and Patsy Ramsey, were long said to be under an "umbrella of suspicion" in the

Lacy apologized to the family on Wednesday, saying, "To the extent that this office has added to the distress suffered by the Ramsey family at any time or to any degree, I offer my deepest apology."

John Ramsey, a software entrepreneur, has said in



John and Patsy Ramsey were under an "umbrella of suspicion" in JonBenet's death. [AP FILE PHOTO]

at the age of 49 in Atlanta, where the family moved



Officials say that so far there is no danger to nearby residents.



KILAUEA, Hawaii The Kilauea volcano spews lava Tuesday. The lava wave measures about 40 feet high and erupted

about six miles from the ocean, according to KITV television.

BUTHA-BUTHE, Lesotho A young boy sits Wednesday on a mattress made of tin cans. Prince Harry worked up a sweat

Tuesday as he carted wheelbarrows of wet cement, filled a ditch

dom of Lesotho in memory of his late mother. [GETTY IMAGES PHOTO]

and hammered nails. He was helping refurbish a school under the auspices of a charity he founded in the impoverished African king-

PAMPLONA, Spain A reveler is tossed Wednesday as others scatter during the third day of the running of the bulls during the San Fermin festival. [AP PHOTO]



WASHINGTON Barack Obama made an unannounced stop Wednesday at a downtown building that houses the law firm of one member of his vice presidential search team, but he wouldn't say why afterward. [АР РНОТО]

Outbreak toll rises

The toll in the salmonella outbreak linked to tomatoes has passed 1,000 confirmed ill, making it the worst food outbreak in years. Now the government says some types of hot peppers may be implicated too. Fresh cilantro also is being investigated. One death is confirmeda man in his 80s in Texas.

Jeffs 'convulsive'

A sheriff's official says polygamist sect leader Warren Jeffs was found "convulsive" and feverish in an Arizona jail cell before being hospitalized in Las Vegas. The president of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is awaiting trial on charges of being an accomplice to sexual conduct with a minor.

G8 rejection

At the G8 summit Wednesday in Toyako, Japan, China, India and other energy-guzzling developing nations rejected key elements of a global warming strategy embraced by President Bush and leaders of wealthy nations. And the UN's top climate official dismissed the G8 goals as insignificant. It was the final G8 summit of Bush's presidency.

Airport shutdown

More than 200 flights at Dublin Airport in Ireland were delayed, diverted or canceled Wednesday after air traffic controllers deemed their radar system too malfunction-prone to operate safely. The Irish **Aviation Authority barred** aircraft from landing for about two hours after the radar system failed to display the call signs that normally identify aircraft.



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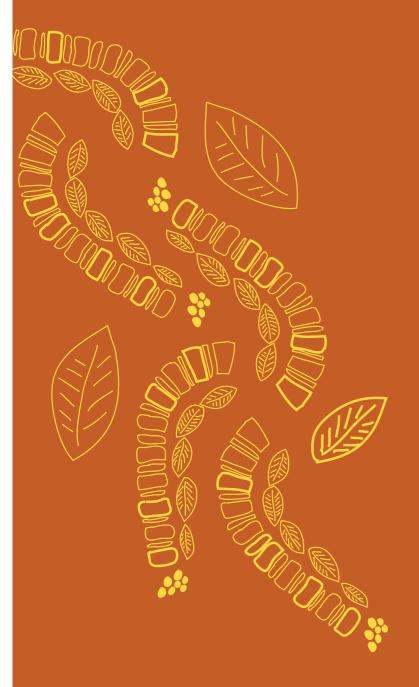
Want to add something unique to your jewelry collection? Look no further than Cape Cod, Mass., where two I7-year-olds are selling jewelry made of the cicadas that descended on their town this summer. For \$10, customers can purchase earrings or necklaces made of the bugs' lacquered carcasses. RedEye offers some potential names for this bug-based brand.

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- >> Critter Collection
- >> Bugari

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MARK MURPHY Packers president and CEO₁

"I've been up in the mountains hanging out with my family, so I've been pretty immune to any media reports out there."

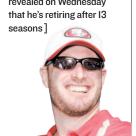
AARON RODGERS

The Packers QB and Favre's successor said on a conference call promoting the American Century Championship golf tournament]

"Obviously Brett holds all the cards here. ... And just because Brett came back, if Brett were to come back and play and start and all those things, [you're] always one snap away. I know we're saying that about the most durable football player in the history of the NFL, but things change very quickly in this league."

TRENT DILFER

(below) [The NFL QB also revealed on Wednesday seasons]



TAKING OFF THE DGLOVES



Favre media manhunt gets young fans in on the act

Associated Press

GREEN BAY Packers coach Mike McCarthy was grilled about rumors of a Brett Favre comeback Wednesday-not by the media, but by kids at the Boys & Girls Club of

Standing at a podium to announce a \$100,000 donation to the club in conjunction with the team, McCarthy was asked by 11-year old Miranda Black of nearby Oconto Falls the biggest question in the state these days: "Um, is Brett Favre coming back?"

McCarthy politely punted.

"I want to know which one of those media individuals made you say that," McCarthy

Green Bay Packers coach Mike **McCarthy on Wednesday takes questions** at the Boys & Girls Club.

said, referring to reporters standing in the back of the room. "Those are things we'll obviously, we'll get to down the line. But great question."

But it didn't stop there, as other kids in the audience of about 75 shouted out questions about Favre, who retired in March but might be having second thoughts.

One wanted to know how good the Packers were going to be without Favre.

"Well, we're going to be a good football team regardless of what happens," McCarthy said. "It's a football team that has worked very hard since the end of last season. The team has done a great job of improving. And we have a big training camp coming up and that's always a big part of our preparation, getting

After McCarthy dodged a few more ques-



tions about Favre—Why did he quit? How old is he, anyway?—one child asked the coach if he would sign their T-shirts.

"Sure," he joked. "It's better than answering these questions."

McCarthy later waved off questions from reporters about the Favre situation, saying it wasn't the right time or place to discuss it.

It's a sticky situation for the Packers. If Favre really is feeling the "itch" to play again after retiring in March, as was reported by ESPN last week, do they welcome him back with open arms? Or is it time to move on with his designated successor, Aaron Rodgers—even if that leaves open the possibility of Favre playing for another team?

To date, McCarthy's answers to the kids Wednesday remain the only public comments from the coach or General Manager Ted Thompson since the latest round of reports and rumors of a potential Favre comeback surfaced last week.

On Tuesday night, Packers President and CEO Mark Murphy said he does not believe Favre will return to the team.

"It's a very delicate situation, because he has such a special place in Packers history," the Green Bay Press-Gazette reported Murphy said at a charity auction in Fond du Lac, Wis.

THE BIG GOODBYE (FOR NOW)

How can we tell if we've really seen the last of Brett Favre on a football field or if he's actually plotting a comeback? What better career to consult than that of Michael "99.9 percent" Jordan. A few comparisons: [REDEYE, AP, TRIBUNE]



BRETT FAVRE

Favre sobbed in his retirement news conference March 6, saying, "It's been a great career for me, and it's over." But the tears hardly had dried before reports and rumors surfaced that he was having second thoughts.



MICHAEL JORDAN

After the grind of the NBA season and 1992 Olympics and the tragic death of his father, speculation had built up that he would retire, which he did in October 1993. Jordan said his decision "doesn't go without some reservations, a little bit, because I'm going to miss the game, I'm going to miss the opportunities of winning extra championships and spending more time with teammates for eight months and going on trips or whatever and some of the things that men do in basketball."

Translation: When they start crying and talking at length about what they'll miss, watch out.

In early April, GM Ted Thompson dismissed a report in the L.A. Times that Favre's representatives were exploring a comeback with another team. Later that month, after the Packers officially placed Favre on the reserve/retired list, Favre admitted he was having second thoughts. "There are always second thoughts, but that's not saying I am coming back," he says. "It's never a clear-cut decision. It's something I can't expect everyone to understand."

After a disastrous fling with baseball, Jordan tells friends, former teammates and Bulls officials that he wants to leave the White Sox system and return to basketball, which he does in March 1995. He announces his return with two simple words that sent shockwaves: "I'm back." He began truly missing the NBA, Jordan said, the previous fall. "When I was down in the minors, every guy wanted to play me in basketball," he said, according to Tribune archives. "I used to play on Sundays with some of the guys in Arizona. We'd go and rent a gym and play pickup games."

Translation: If Favre starts playing flag football games, it's time to start shadowing his every move.

Favre told the Gulfport (Miss.) Sun Herald that he'd be tempted to come out of retirement if Aaron Rodgers was injured.

"Quite frankly, I really felt that I wanted to instill some positive things back into the game," Jordan said in 1995. "The young guys are not taking care of their responsibilities in terms of maintaining that love for the game ..."

Translation: In the words of Jay-Z—another legend in his field who has problems staying retired: "Can't leave rap alone the game needs me ..."

The latest round of Favre speculation kicked off last week, when ESPN reported that Favre had told Packers coach Mike McCarthy he was feeling the "itch" to play again. Favre hasn't spoken publicly about the latest reports, beyond telling the Sun Herald that the speculation is "all rumor."

Jordan felt—and scratched—his NBA "itch" a second time, playing for the Washington Wizards in September 2001—this after his agent, David Falk, in March dismissed a Sports Illustrated report heralding his return as "foolishness."



Bubba Burger is the official burger of the Cubs, so screamed the ad behind home plate on Wednesday. As Carlos Zambrano battled Ken Griffey

Sound decision
NASCAR's Juan Pablo Montoya sang (I use the term loosely)
"Take Me Out to the Ballgame" on
Wednesday. I wanted to take myself out of the ballgame.

Jr. in the first, it was oh so true.

Someone's Jenks'd
The White Sox's Scott Linebrink
blew his second save since taking over
for Bobby Jenks, who's on the DL. See
ya in the minors, Scott.

The Bulls' first overall draft pick,
Derrick Rose, sat out Wednesday's
game with tendinitis in his knee. When
did the Bulls become the Cubs?

Tony the Tornado
NASCAR's Tony Stewart is
switching teams next season, and he'll
talk about it at Chicagoland Speedway
on Thursday. Boxing gloves suggested.

Chicagoland Speedway hosts its first night race on Friday. It's a lot like when Wrigley Field had its first night game. OK, it's nothing like it, but work with me here.

The Knicks signed former Bulls guard Chris Duhon on Wednesday. That's 5 points a game we won't get back.

The Dilfer Effect
NFL quarterback Trent Dilfer
is retiring. Hard to believe the Ravens
won a Super Bowl with this guy and the
Bears can't win with Rex Grossman.
Actually, that's not hard to believe.

Young man's game
IRL driver E.J. Viso had to withdraw from this weekend's race because
he has the mumps. Give him his Elmo doll
and let him drive, for crying out loud.

FIVE WAYS...

- ... NASCAR races are like baseball games at Wrigley Field.
- >> Lots of lights—Bud Lights
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- >> Cubs are cursed; NASCAR fans curse
- >> Lots of flipping out—if Carl Edwards wins, at least



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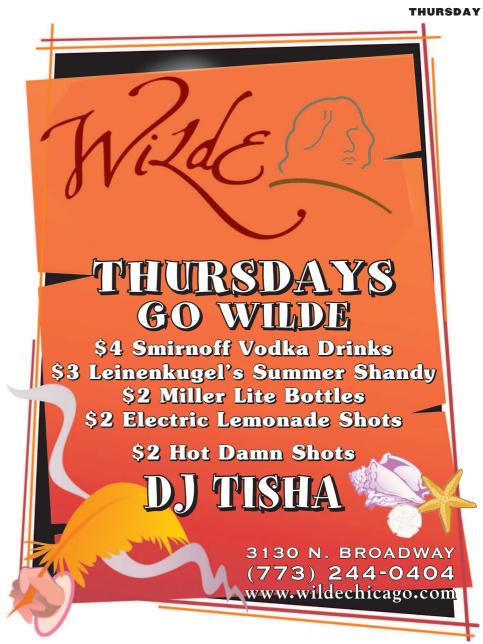
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FROM NEWS SERVICES SPORTS SHORTSTOPS

Rose grounded

Tendinitis forces rookie guard to take temporary rest

Derrick Rose typically wears a stoic expression, but the rookie point guard glumly looked like somebody stole his keys to the gym Wednesday.

That's when he sat near the end of the bench as Bulls management decided to take a cautious approach with the tendinitis in his right knee.

Rose aggravated the condition Tuesday and then skipped the Bulls' 86-74 vic-

tory over Orlando on Wednesday. Or, more accurately, Sources have was forced to skip.

said Derrick Rose

NBA rookie invit-

ed to participate

on the USA select

team, which will

scrimmage and

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could've played, but they held me out," Rose said. "I hate sitting.'

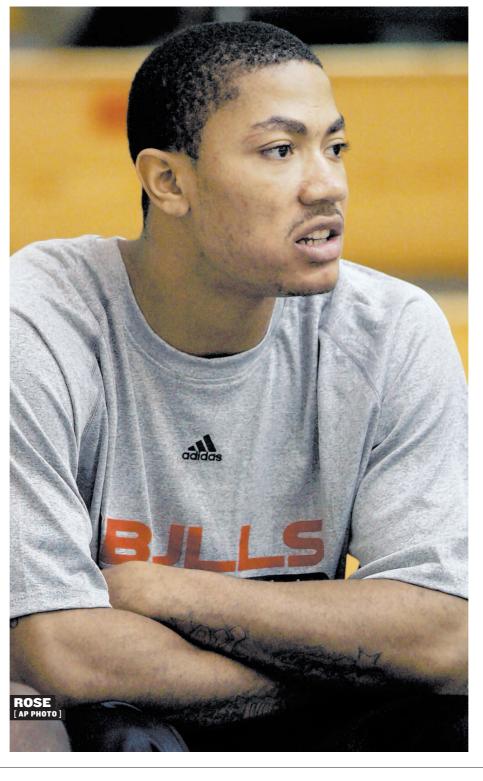
The Bulls said Rose is day-to-day, meaning he likely will be available for a high-profile matchup Friday against Oklahoma City's Russell

Westbrook. There are no long-term concerns about the condition.

"It's not serious," General Manager John Paxson said. "[Memphis coach John Calipari] told us [Rose] occasionally would have issues with it, but he played every game [in college].

"This is just precautionary. There's nothing structurally wrong with the knee. Obviously, we checked him out completely during our draft process."

Paxson said the Bulls might place Rose on a program designed to strengthen the knee and thus limit the condition's effects once summer league concludes Friday.



STEWART

NASCAR @CHICAGOLAND **Stewart** drives away

Joe Gibbs Racing will release Tony Stewart from his contract at the end of the season, ending an incred-

ibly successful decade in which they won two NASCAR championships. Stewart, of Columbus, Ind., was expected to address JGR employees Wednesday at Chicagoland Speedway, but his release was announced by the team.



TOUR DE FRANCE Schumacher holds onto lead

Mark Cavendish of Britain won a sprint to take the longest stage of the Tour de France on Wednesday, and Stefan Schumacher

of Germany retained the overall lead. Cavendish beat Oscar Freire of Spain and veteran sprinter Erik Zabel of Germany on the line in the fifth stage, completing the flat, 144-mile run from Cholet to Chateauroux in 5 hours, 27 minutes, 52 seconds.



FRANCHITTI

Franchitti back to racing

Dario Franchitti will be back behind the wheel in a NASCAR race this weekend when he races in the Nationwide Series at Chicagoland Speed-

way. Franchitti will pilot the No. 40 Dodge for Chip Ganassi Racing. Ganassi shuttered Franchitti's Sprint Cup Series team last week because of a lack of funding. But Ganassi has sponsorship for his Nationwide car until a long-term plan is reached.

HOMETOWN HITS



Jose Contreras had to restrain Orlando Cabrera in the Sox dugout after

he charged Jermaine Dye during the celebration following Cabrera scoring the tying run in the eighth inning of the Sox's 7-6 victory over Kansas City. The emotions were quite peculiar given that the Sox rallied from a five-run deficit to win. Cabrera stole third base with Dye at the plate. Dye eventually struck out before Jim Thome hit the game-tying single. As Cabrera returned to the dugout, TV cameras caught Dye high-fiving him but saying something that Cabrera apparently didn't like. "I'm not going to go into what it was about," Dye said. "It's not necessarily that [the stolen base could have distracted me]. But it was a little something, and we're fine



CUBS 5, REDS 1

Carlos Zambrano allowed one hit over eight innings-a sec-

ond-inning homer by Adam Dunn-and retired the final 20 batters he faced Wednesday as the Cubs beat the Cincinnati Reds 5-I. In his second start since coming off the DL with a right shoulder strain, Zambrano (10-3) walked none and struck out five while throwing 103 pitches.

>> Rich Harden arrived at Wrigley Field a bit sleep deprived Wednesday. He'd gone from the West Coast to the Midwest, from the American League to the National and from a successful team to one that's in first place. "It's my first trade. I've been in Oakland my entire career. So it definitely was a shock," Harden said Wednesday, a day after the Cubs obtained him in a six-player trade with the Athletics.



UP NEXT

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The Sky has a rare July

home game before returning to the road for five of its next eight.



After remaining levelheaded, for the most part, since joining the Fire in July of last season,

Cuauhtemoc Blanco has been showing his infamous temper recently. The latest incident occurred in Tuesday's U.S. Open Cup match. Blanco could be seen taking almost a full swing at a ball D.C. United defender Clyde Simms was holding. United defender Marc Burch said Blanco also gouged Simms' eye shortly after the punch.

FIVE ON FIVE

We have a new question-asker today. If you can guess who it is, write the name down, put it in an envelope, put a gold star on it and chuck it in the nearest waste bin. Join us at **redeyechicago.com/facebookfives**.





Tracy Swartz



Adam Caldarelli



Phillip Thompson



Leo Ebersole

TOPIC 1: NOW THAT THE CUBS HAVE HARDEN, WHAT'S THEIR NEXT MOVE?

- A) Purchase trophy case.
- B) Insert World Series trophy.
- C) Keep dreaming.

Time to hit Ben Sheets and take care of the Cubs' pitching problem.

Change those "We got Wood" shirts to "We got Harden don't have a girlfriend."

Hear me out: Pinch hitter Barry Bonds ... Acquire a full roster of elbow tendons (in Harden's size) from the black market.

TOPIC 2: WHAT OLYMPIC SPORT WOULD YOU QUALIFY FOR?

Biathlawn. Combines cross-country skiing with mowing my lawn.

Trampolining. I already got a jump on the competition.

I don't know. Gymnastics look pretty easy.

The IOO-meter dine-and-dash.

The biathlon. That's the one that involves Trivial Pursuit and chicken wing-eating, right?

TOPIC 3: HOW WILL EVANDER HOLYFIELD MEET HIS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS?

He'll compete against Richard Hatch in "Survivor: Pauper's Prison."

He didn't bite off more than he can chew

Dust off Mike Tyson for another go at his lobes.

Hear me out: A boxing match against ... a George Foreman grill.

It's summer, so a lemonade stand. And an adjacent "\$5 ear bites" stand.

TOPIC 4: GIVE US YOUR FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE TOUR DE FRANCE SO FAR

Oddly, I read only one story about it, but still managed to chafe my legs.

The only positive I can wax about the tour is the mandex.

Pop some wheelies, dudes.

I was really surprised by how little I cared about it.

I'm still looking for the Evil European to root against. Can't Sasha Vujacic join this thing?

TOPIC 5: BESIDES KANYE, WHO ELSE COULD USE SOME ANGER MANAGEMENT CLASSES?

Maximus. You know who you are. Go Briskmen.

The Yankees have A-Rod rage problem. He keeps tailgating.

Cuauhtemoc Blanco

With those classes, Carlos Zambrano can finally get that anger promotion he's been angling for.

I'd say Adam, but his actually is more of a controlled rage.

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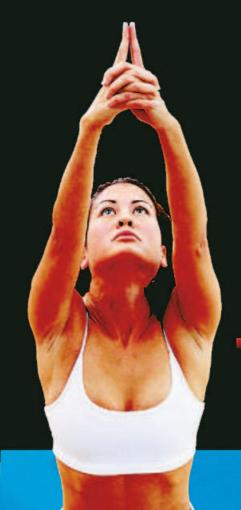




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Notice is hereby given, pur-suant to "An Act in relation Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an assumed name in the conduct or transaction of business in this State" as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, File No. D08113701 on the 25th day of June, 2008, under the assumed name of Newcastle Development, with place of business located at 4349 N. Hermitage, Chicago, IL 60613; 2220 W. Berteau, Chicago, IL 60613; 2220 W. Berteau, Chicago, IL 60618; 2316 W. Grace St., Chicago, IL 60618 and 1407 W. Belle Plaine, Chicago, IL 60613. The true name and address of owner is Donald Yesnik, 4141 N. 26th Road, Arlington, Virginia 22207.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an assumed name in the conduct or transaction of business in this State" as amended, that a certification was filed by the undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County, File No. D08113527 on the 13th day of June, 2008, under the assumed name of Boguslaw Koszyk Ent., with place of business located at 140 Hazelnut Dr., Streamwood, IL 60107. The true name and address of owner is Boguslaw Koszyk, 140 Hazelnut Dr., Streamwood, IL 60107.

LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Southwest Guaranteed The Southwest Guaranteed Home Equity Program invites qualified firms to submit proposals for a comprehensive marketing program. We are a program funded by taxpayers that guarantees that the value of a member's property will not fall below the fair market value established at the time he/che registers for Will not fall below the fair market value established at the time he/she registers for the program. The target area is 8,500 households. Said Proposals should utilize creative forms of marketing for their program including but not limited to direct mail and general advertising. Said proposals are not publically opened. Proposals should be in writing and submitted to Southwest Guaranteed Home Equity Program, 8316 S. Kedzie, Chicago, Illinois 60652 by August 15, 2008. Please contact Mary O'Neill at (773)436-9105 if there are any questions.

CITY OF EVANSTON NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the City's Purchasing and Contracts Manager in Room 4200 of the Civic Center located at 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201, unit 2:00 P.M. local time Tuesday, July 29th 2008 and will be publicly read thereafter in room 2404. Bids shall cover the following:

Installation of Fire Alarm at the Robert Crown Center

Bid Number: 09-34

The above item shall conform to the Request for Bids on file in the Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Manager. The bid document, including all necessary plans and specifications, will be available in the Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Manager on Thursday, July 10th 2008.

10th 2008.

The City of Evanston (the City) in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, hereby notifies all proposers/ bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that the contract(s) entered into pursuant to this Notice will be awarded to the successful bidder without discrimination on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, familial status or national origin, The City of Evanston reserves the right to reject any or all submittals; of eomed most advantageous to the City.

The Evanston City Council also reserves the right to award the contract to an Evanston firm if that firm's bid is within 5% of the low bid.

Each respondent shall be required to submit with their bid a disclosure of ownership interest statement form in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 15-0-78. Failure to submit such information will result in the disqualification of such bid.

Jewell Jackson Purchasing and Contracts Manager

Sealed Bids will be received by the City Purchasing and Contracts Manager in Room 4200, Civic Center, 2100 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illi-nois 60201, until 2:00pm on August 5, 2008 and thereaf-ter publicly opened and read in Conference Room 2404. Bids shall cover the follow-ing:

Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center Kitchen Renovations Bid Number 09-29

A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING will be held at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster Street, Evanston, Illinois at 10:00am on July 16, 2008. No admittance to the mandatory pre-bid meeting will be allowed after 10:15am.

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A portion of this project is being funded by the City's Community Development Block Grant Program, a Federal entitlement grant authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and is therefore, subject to compliance with federal regulations issued pursuant to said Act. Furthermore, all interested bidders are notified that successful contractors and subcontractors must comply with Federal Labor Standards issued under Section 570.603 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which include the Davis-Bacon Minimum Wage Act, as amended, (40 U.S.C. 276a-276a-5) and the Contractor's Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327 et seq.), (2) the equal opportunity provisions of Executive Order 11246 as amended; and (3) all other federal laws and regulations issued pertaining to labor standards and as stated in the project surther this project is subject.

Further this project is subject to the regulations stipulated by Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act 1968, as amended by Section 915 of the Housing and Community Act of 1992. This calls for affirmative action by the Contractor to train and/or hire lower income residents hire lower income residents of the project area and to Subcontract with local small

Work on this project includes renovations to the existing kitchen at the Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, located at 1655 Foster Street in Evanston, Illinois, including all related repairs and renovations to selected interior building systems and elevations to selected interior building systems and ele-ments. Plans and specifica-tions are available in the of-fice of the Purchasing and Contracts Manager.

Above item(s) shall conform to the Request for Bids on file in the Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Manager. The bid documents, including all necessary plans and specifications will be available in the office of the Purchasing and Contracts Manager on July 10, 2008.

July 10, 2008.

The City of Evanston in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that the contract(s) entered into pursuant to this notice will be awarded to the successful bidder without discrimination on the ground of race, color, religion, sex, age, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, familial status, or national origin. The City of Evanston reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal(s) deemed most advantageous to the City.

Each bidder shall be required to submit with his/her bid a disclosure of ownership interest statement form in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 15-0-78. Failure to submit such information may result in the disqualification of such bid.

Jewell Jackson Purchasing and Contracts Manager

Notice is hereby given to Gerald Earl Kenney of whereabouts unknown. This is to inform you that a petition of guardianship was filed in DuPage County Case No. 08 P 536 for minor child Rachel Ann Kenney, DOB 05/23/91. You need to appear in the Dupage County Courthouse, Courtroom 2009, on Aug. 14, 2008 at 9 a.m. Petitioner: Elizabeth Kearney.

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Take notice that a proposed
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filed in a civil antitrust case,
United States of America v.
National Association of Realtors®, No. 05-C-5140. On
September 8, 2005, the United States filed a Complaint
alleging that the National Association of Realtors®
("NAR") violated Section 1 of
the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C.
Section 1, by adopting policies that suppress competition from real estate brokers
who use password-protected cles that suppress competition from real estate brokers who use password-protected "virtual office websites" or "VOWs" to deliver high-quality brokerage services to their customers. The proposed Final Judgment, filed on May 27, 2008, requires NAR to repeal the challenged policies and to adopt new rules that do not discriminate against brokers who use VOWs. A Competitive Impact Statement filed by the United States on June 12, 2008, describes the Amended Complaint, filed on October 4, 2005, the proposed Final Judgment, the industry, and the remedies available to private litigants who may have been injured by the alleged violation.

Copies of the Amended Complaint, proposed Final Judgment and Competitive Impact Statement are available for inspection at the Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Antitrust Documents Group, 450 5th Street, N.W., Room 1010, Washington, DC 20530 (telephone: 202-514-2481), on the Department of Justice's Web site at http://www.usdoj.gov/atr and at the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

linois. Interested persons may ad dress comments to John R dress comments to John R. read, Chief, Litigation III Section, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice, 450 5th Street, N.W., Suite 4000, Washington, DC 20530, 202-307-0468, within 60 days of the date of this notice.

FOR LEGAL NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Triton College will receive sealed proposals at 2000 Fifth Avenue, River Grove, IL 60171 for the following pro-ject:

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Specifications will be issued

Specifications will be issued to prime bidders, which may be obtained from the Purchasing Department. Booths: bid proposals will be received up to the hour of 1:30 p.m. local time, Wednesday, July 23, 2008 in room R 306. Printing: bid proposals will be received up to the hour of 2:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, July 23, 2008 in room R 306 Immediately after the closing hour for receiving bids, they will be publicly opened and read aloud in room R 306.

Sean O'Brien Sullivan Vice President -Business Services 708/456-0300 Ext. 3354

NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE
Estate of Rocco JACOBAZZI,
Deceased
Notice is hereby given to
all person that January 15,
2009, is the claim date in the
Estate of Rocco Jacobazzi,
deceased, pending in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Probate Division, and that claims may be filed against this Estate on or be-fore said date. Claims not filed on or before said date are barred

David Reape, Representative, J.G. Wentworth SSC P.O. Box 7780-4244 Philadelphia, PA 19182-4244

ANDERSON, RASOR & PARTNERS, LLP, Attorneys 55 E. Monroe Street, Ste. 3650 Chicago, IL 60603

Notice is hereby given to Keyon Hasaan Sharp of address unknown. This is to inform you that a dissolution of marriage has beeen filed against you in the State of Illinois in Chicago. Case No. 08D630533. You have 30 days to respond to the court. If you fail to do so a default my be entered against you. Signed: Shanna Latesha Dudley, Petitioner.

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On June 17, 2008, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, in a case entitled United States V. Anthony Reed, No. 05 CR 365, ordered abandonment of one .9 millimeter Ruger Pistol bearing serial number 305-79310, and the magazines and ammunition contained therein to the United States pursuant to 28 U.S.C. Section 1651 and 41 C.F.R. Section 128-48.1.

C.F.R. Section 128-48.1.

The Attorney General of the United States intends to dispose of the property. In accordance with 41 C.F.R. Section 128-48.1 any persons or entities alleging an interest in such property must file a petition with the Court and the United States Attorney's Office, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois 60604, within thirty (30) days of either the publication of this notice or receipt thereof by mail, whichever is earlier. The petition must be signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and must set forth:

(1) the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in such property;

(2) the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title or interest in the property;

(3) any additional facts sup-porting the petitioner's claim; AND

(4) the relief sought

A hearing on the petitions may be held by the Court, notice of which shall be given to all petitioners.

KIM R. WIDUP

United States Marshal Northern District of Illinois 219 South Dearborn Street Room 2444 Chicago, Illinois 60604

INVITATION FOR BID-School

INVITATION FOR BID-School Food Service
The UNO Charter School Network is accepting bids for food service management and vended meal services until 2:00PM on July 28, 2008. Send sealed bids to: UNO Charter School Network, Food Service Bids, Attn: Cesar A. Santoy, 954 W. Washington, Third Floor, Chicago, IL 60607. A pre-bid conference will be held at 2:00 pm on July 16, 2008 at 954 W. Washington, Fourth Floor, Chicago, IL 60607. A copy of the full IFB can be requested by calling 312-432-6301 x 273. We reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Award of contract shall be based on bid criteria included in the document. Bidders shall include all certifications required by the Illinois State Board of Education, ISBE

PREVAILING WAGE NOTICE

PREVAILING WAGE NOTICE

The Lake Bluff Park District adopted Ordinance PWO-08 ascertaining the prevailing rate of wages in accordance with the Prevailing Wage Act, 820 ILCS 130/1, et seq. at a meeting of the Park Board on the 16 day of June, 2008. The original ordinance, which lists the applicable prevailing rate of wages, is a part of the official records of the Park District and is on file and available for examination at the administrative offices of the Lake Bluff Park District, 355 W. Washington Avenue, Lake Bluff, Illinois 60044.

Dated this 8 day of July, 2008

Ronald Salski, Park Board Secretary

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

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OF TRUSTEES

The holders of the outstanding bonds issued by ArcelorMittal USA Inc., originally known as "inland Steel Company", under the indenture known as the First Mortgage, date April 1, 1928 (as amended and supplemented, the "First Mortgage", are hereby notified of (i) the resignation of The Bank of New York as Corporate Trustee under the First Mortgage, (ii) the appointment by the Company of The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A., as successor Corporate Trustee under the First Mortgage, (iii) the resignation of Louis P Young as Individual Trustee under the First Mortgage, and (iv) the appointment by the Company of Linda Garcia as successor Individual Trustee under the First Mortgage, all in accordance with Article Thirden of the First Mortgage. This Notice is effective as of May 30, 2008.

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PUBLICATION NOTICE For a New Branch:

For a New Branch:

Notification is given that JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., 1111 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, Ohio 43271 has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on or about 7/10/2008, as specified in 12 CFR 5 for permission to establish a domestic branch at 334 N Des Plaines Street, Bldg D, Sp B, Cook County, Chicago, IL, 60661. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Licensing Manager, Large Banks Licensing Operations, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 250 E Street, SW, Mail Stop 7-13, Washington, D.C. 20219 within 30 days of the date of this publication.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE CITY OF NAPERVILLE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Bid 09-056 Molded Rubber and Shrink Products

The City of Naperville, Illinois is presently soliciting bids soliciting bids for molded rubber and shrink products.

Bids will be received at the Bids will be received at the City of Naperville, Procurement Services Team Office, 400 S. Eagle Street, Naperville, Illinois 60540 until 3:00 p.m., local time, on July 24, 2008 at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Those desiring to bid may obtain copies of the contract documents in the Procurement Services Team Office, City of Naperville, at the above address, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Check the City's web site (http://www.naperville.il.us) for this bid and others.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION Plaintiff Eighty-four 24-pound bags, more or less, of an article of food, labeled in part: (bag) food, labeled in part: (pag) "***KAYTEE Supreme Fortified Daily Blend COMPANION BIRD *** Grains and Seed *** Manufactured By KAYTEE Products, Inc. Chilton, WI *** USA *** Net WT 25 lb ***", Two 6.6-pound bags, more or less, or an article of food, labeled in part: (bag) No. 08 C 3478 **** DICK VAN PATTEN'S *** Natural Balance ***ULTRA PREMIUM CAT FOOD *** NET WT. 6.6 LBS.***", and all other articles of food in any size and type of container, labeled or unlabeled (excluding metal and glass containers), that are located anywhere on the premises of PETCO ANIMAL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION CENTER, 3801 Rock Creek Boulevard, Joliet, Illinois, which are determined to have originated outside the State of

which are determined to have originated outside the State of Illinois based either on affixed labels bearing, among other things, the name and address of the manufacturer, packer, or distributor located outside the State of Illinois, or by other

NOTICE OF ARREST IN REM

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Notice is hereby given that on July 19, 2008, United States Marshal Service for the Northern District of Illinois, pursuant to a Warrant for Arrest in Rem issued by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, seized certain articles of food, which were located at PETCO ANIMAL SUPPLIES DISTRIBUTION CENTER, 3801 Rock Creek Boulevard, Joliet, Illinois, more specifically:

Eighty-four 24-pound bags, more or less, of an article of food, labeled in part: (bag)

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A copy of the Verified Complaint For Forfeiture and Warrant of Arres a Rem filed in this case is published with this notice.

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Notice is furthermore given that any person claiming an interest in the defendant articles must file a claim, signed by the claimant under penalty of perjury, identifying the specific defendant article claimed, identifying the claimant, and stating the claimant's interest in the defendant article in the manner set forth in Rule G(5) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Any such claims must also be served on Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois (Attention: Assistant United States Attorney Donald R. Lorenzen), 219 South Dearborn, 5th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60604. In no event shall such claim be filed later than 35 days after the date of notice of the complaint is sent, or as applicable, no later than 30 days after the final publication of notice of the filing of the complaint.

In addition, any person having filed such a claim must also file ar answer to the complaint or a motion under Rule 12 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure not laterthan 20 days after the filing of the claim with a copy thereof served on Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois (Attention: Assistant United States Attorney Donald R. Lorenzen), 219 South Dearborn, 5th Floor Chicago, Illinois 60604.

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Cleopatra married two of her brothers.

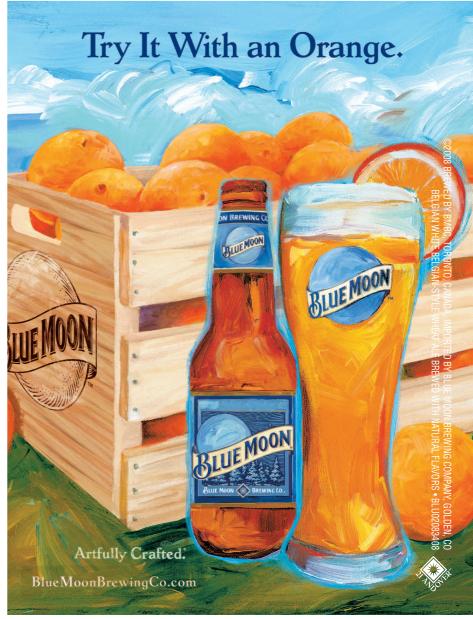
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AFAMILY AFFAIR

Lettuce introduce you to Hub 51—and the next generation of Chicago restaurateurs

By M. Kathleen Pratt

In this town, certain names come with strings attached. If you're a high school hoops player and your last name is Jordan, people are going to turn and look. And if your last name is Melman and you open a restaurant, you can expect a little extra scrutiny—and maybe a little extra help. When brothers R.J. and Jerrod Melman recently opened their new River North eatery, Hub 51, they got a bit of both.

Their father is Rich Melman, co-founder of Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises, the operation behind some of the city's most well-known and successful restaurants.
R.J., 29, and Jerrod, 25, grew up watching their father grow the business and eventually went on to work in management at Lettuce spots R.J. Grunts and Osteria Via Stato. But those were their father's restaurants. At Hub 51, they're on their own.

OK, not entirely. The younger Melmans clearly are applying what they've learned

from Dad. Though Hub 51 only has been open for dinner since June 27 (lunch debuted this week), it already runs like clockwork. The food is consistent. The atmosphere is polished. It almost feels, well, like they've done this all before.

FIRST LOOK

Hub 5151 W. Hubbard St. 312-828-0051

High ceilings and exposed ductwork give the 300-seat space an airy, loft-like feel, while giant concrete columns loosely define three separate "rooms"

The bustling front room, complete with an over-

within.

head DJ booth, is filled with round hightop tables with views of the flat-screen TVs that hang above the main bar. Opposite, there's a more subdued space sporting one whitewashed brick wall and a small, elevated bar tucked away in the corner. Between the two is a sort of middle ground populated with more tables, booths and—on our visits, anyway—a disproportionate number of twentysomething women.

Though it skews youngish, you get the sense Hub 51 would like to be all things to all people—even the soundtrack swings safely from one generation's crowdpleaser to the next (Bob Dylan, U2, Natasha Bedingfield, repeat). It's a smart plan for River North, a neighborhood where city-dwelling nine-to-fivers, stressed-out business travelers and wide-eyed tourists converge.

The army of young, chatty servers seems up to the challenge, eager to please with quick refills and menu suggestions at the ready. Good thing, since that menu covers a shocking amount of ground, packing into two pages everything from sweet potato maki with Japanese soy-barbecue sauce

(\$9) to five spice-rubbed pork ribs (\$12) to hand-dipped ice cream bars (\$5).

There's even an entire section dedicated to soft taco platters: chicken, pulled pork, halibut and filet mignon (above). We quickly figured out why. Our filet mignon tacos (\$18), which arrived on a hefty platter loaded with tender slices of teriyakimarinated steak, soft homemade tortillas, white rice, black beans, pico de gallo and guacamole, were packed with flavor.

The kitchen's modest takes on Mexican fare do well across the board. We're betting it won't be long before the peekytoe crab nachos (\$16), a heap of crisp housemade chips piled with fresh crab meat, melted white cheddar and Oaxaca cheeses, salsa and great clumps of guacamole, become an after-work staple among the River North happy hour crowd.

Entrees (\$16-\$35) are designed to please: big, satisfying and familiar. The usual suspects, from roasted chicken to bone-in rib-eye (a beastly 18-ouncer appropriately dubbed "The Dude"), all make an appearance.

A little predictable? Perhaps, but there's something to be said for getting exactly what you want. Our tender braised short ribs (\$19) fell right off the bone, and the Yukon Gold mashed potatoes had us at first, buttery bite.

Besides, for all its familiarity, Hub 51 isn't totally without surprises. The biggest and best came at the end of our meal: Martha's Special Occasion Carrot Cake (\$6), a dense, moist, three-layer wedge served with a dollop of whipped cream and an extra scoop of rich cream cheese frosting on the side.

So who is this Martha? That would be Mom.

With all due respect to Rich Melman, we're not sure the boys owe it all to Dad.
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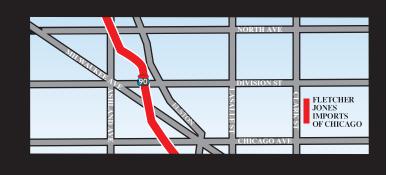
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By Lisa Arnett LMARNETT@TRIBUNE.COM

SOME-THING TO 'SWOON' ABOUT Australian performing arts group Strange **Fruit flies** high in Millennium Park this week.

Out on a limb

Picture this: Two guys and two girls perched

atop 14-foot poles that sway and bend with eye-boggling ease. That's just a hint of what's in store when Australian performing arts troupe Strange Fruit brings its free spectacle "Swoon" to Millennium Park. 1, 3 and 5 p.m. Through July 14. 201 E. Randolph St. 312-742-1168.

Major markdowns

If you're a sucker for a good sale, don't miss \$4: The Supreme Showroom Sample Sale. True sample sizes (4 and 6 for women, 34 for men's pants) will find the most here, including Roxy dresses for \$19 (\$40 retail) and shirts by Triple 5 Soul for \$15-\$50 (originally \$45-\$100). Plenty of sunglasses, bags and watches also are on offer, all at below-wholesale prices. 2 p.m. Through Friday. Free. Eastbank Artist Studios, 1200 W. 35th St. 773-772-7972.

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Whether you're fullblooded Irish or just a

Guinness enthusiast, you'll find plenty to do at the 23rd Annual Irish American Heritage Festival, a three-day fest of live music, traditional eats and folk dance demos. Headliners include The Tossers (Friday), The Young Dubliners (Saturday) and Gaelic Storm (Sunday). 6 p.m. \$7-\$12. Irish American Heritage Center, 4626 N. Knox Ave. 773-282-7035 ext. 10. Tickets: irishfestchicago.com

Art by the mile

Think art festivals are too rich for your

bank account? Yes, you'll find massive sculptures topping out at a high-rolling \$40,000 among the works created by the 200-plus award-winning artists at the **Chicago Tribune Magnificent Mile Art Festi**val. But you also are score more modestly priced items, including jewelry starting at about \$20. 10 a.m. Through Sunday. Chicago Tribune Pioneer Court, 435 N. Michigan Ave. 954-472-3755.

Ruff times

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All for Lou

The Cubbies have a rockin' record, which

makes Lou Gehrig Day, the annual fundraiser at Wrigley Field for the Les Turner ALS Foundation, all the more reason to head to Sunday's game. Start with a two-hour party at the Vic Theatre with pizza, Goose Island brews and tunes courtesy of WXRT (93.1-FM) DJ Lin Brehmer. Then walk to the ballpark to watch the Cubs take on the Giants. 11 a.m. \$85-\$110. 3145 N. Sheffield Ave. 847-679-3311. Tickets: www.lesturnerals.org



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\$3 Blue Moon and Coors Light drafts, \$4 Bacardi O bombs, \$5 for three mini-burgers, \$5 boneless wings; 2426 N. Racine Ave. 773-929-7759.

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Half-price appetizers, \$15 domestic buckets; 1503 S. Michigan Ave. 312-588-0230.

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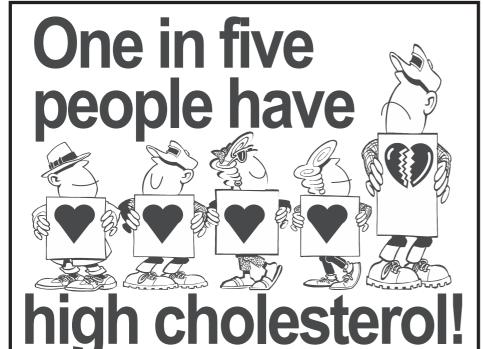


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9 p.m. \$7. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

Alan Gresik's Swing Shift Orchestra

9 n.m. \$6. The Green Mill. 4802 N. Broadway. 773-878-5552.

Blues Open Mic Jam

8:30 p.m. Free. Harlem Avenue Lounge, 3701 Harlem Ave., Berwyn. 708-484-3610.

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9 p.m. Free. Cornelia's Restaurant, 750 W. Cornelia Ave. 773-248-8333

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9:30 p.m. \$7. B.L.U.E.S., 2519 N. Halsted St. 773-528-

Chicago Symphony Orchestra

8 p.m. \$10-\$60. Ravinia Festival, 200-231 Ravinia Park Rd., Highland Park. 847-266-5100.

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9 p.m. Cover varies. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

Eli, Simplistic Urge, The Heroine. **Surrender Dorothy**

9:30 p.m. \$8. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

Eric Alexander Quartet

7 and 9 p.m. \$20. Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Ct. 312-360-0234.

Fire Blanket, **This Level** is Clouds, Labrador Dali.

Zapruder Point 8 p.m. \$6. Lilly's, 2513 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2422.



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Grant Lee Phillips. David McMillin

9 p.m. \$18. Schubas. 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

Indignant, The Suede **Brothers, Bad Vibes,** Water Street

9 p.m. \$8. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

Jazz Explorers

7 p.m. \$5. Bill's Blues Bar, 1029 Davis St. 9800

Jeff Marx Trio 8:30 p.m. Cover

varies. The Velvet

Evanston, 847-424-

Lounge, 67 E. Cermak Rd. 312-791-9050.

Jimmy Smith

9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-

Kenny Phelps

II:45 p.m. Free. Redhead Piano Bar 16 W. Ontario St. 312-640-1000.

Kettle Morraine

8 p.m. Free. Heartland Cafe, 7000 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-465-8005

Les Breastfeeders, **The Symptoms** 9:30 p.m. \$10.

Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave. 773-278-6600

MHB Band

8 p.m. Free. Abbey Pub (in the pub), 3420 W. Grace St. 773-478-4408.

Miss Jackie and the Sass, Michigan City Vandals, King Casey **Band, Troy, Smentek** and Mullen

8:30 p.m. \$8. Elbo Room, 2871 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-549-5549.

Nicholas Tremulis. **Deanna Devore**

6:30 p.m. Free. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773227-4433.

Professor John 8 p.m. Cover varies.

The Underground Wonder Bar, IO E. Walton St. 312-266-7761.

Race Car

10 p.m. \$5. Bill's Blues Bar, 1029 Davis St.. Evanston, 847-424-9800

reModern, Mr. Russia, Camera, DJ **Scary Lady Sarah**

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Ron Perillo Quartet 9 p.m. \$10. Andy's

Jazz Club, II E. Hubbard St. 312-642-

Russ Phillips Quartet

5 p.m. \$5. Andy's Jazz Club, II E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

Ryan Cohan Trio

9 p.m. Free. Pops for Champagne, 601 N. State St. 312-266-7677.

Sexfist

9:30 p.m. Free. Quenchers Saloon, 2401 N. Western Ave. 773-276-9730.

Shirley Johnson Blues Band

9 p.m. \$8. Blue Chicago at Ohio, 536 N. Clark St. 312-661-0100.

Sudanese Music and Dance Festival: Abdel Gadir Salem. Omer Ihas, Rasha, Abu Araki, Al Balabil Sisters, Yousif El **Mosely, Emmanuel** Kembe, Omar Bhanga

6:30 p.m. Free. Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millennium Park, 201 E. Randolph St. 312-742-1168.

Teena Marie, **DJ** Diego

9 p.m. \$41.50-\$44. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

Terry Evans, Charlie Love and the Silky **Smooth Blues Band** 9:30 p.m. \$15.

Kingston Mines, 2548 N. Halsted St. 773-477-4646.

Thomas Linsk and Lisa McClowery 8 p.m. Free. Redhead

Piano Bar, 16 W. Ontario St. 312-640-

Tony Ocean with the Joe Valentino Trio

8:30 p.m. Free. 200 East Supper Club, 200 E. Chestnut St. 312-266-4500.

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8 p.m. \$5-\$8. Bottom Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St. 312-666-6775.

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Neal Wehman of Breakers Broken.

The three came back to Chicago a yearago after attending Frost School of Music at the University of Miami.

"It wasn't tough moving back to Chicago, we're all from Chicago," said Herf, the band's bassist and singer. "It's tough from the perspective of 'Man, the winters are really cold!"

"One of the big-

gest reasons we came back to Chicago is that the original music scene exists here; it thrives," guitarist-singer Tim said. "And there are awesome venues on every street you can go to to hear it."

"In Chicago, I feel like the sky's the lim-

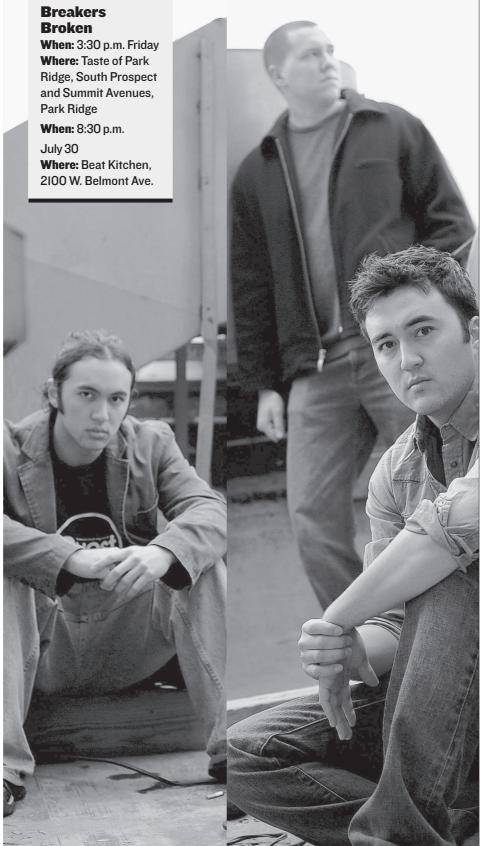
The Yamaya brothers grew up in Glenview, where the two got into music at a young age through violin lessons. Tim added guitar to his repertoire; Herf the bass.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't grateful that I had to play [violin] ... that definitely really helped," Tim said.

When Tim went to school in Miami, he met drummer Wehman, who coincidentally grew up just 10 minutes away from the Yamaya brothers. Herf joined them after he finished high school. After Tim and Wehman's graduation—Tim earned an engineering degree-they left Miami to return to Chicago.

Tim recently got to test his engineering credentials on the band's full-length debut, "Other Places to Search."

"For the first album we ever had, I'm really proud of how it sounds," he said. [JENNIFER WAGNER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.]



SNAP JUDGMENT

Jean Grae

"JEANIUS"

after her last record, Jean Grae returns with a fierce showing

helmed by the 9th



Wonder, who's worked with Jay-Z and Mary J. Blige. The beats are better, if a bit familiar, but the real draw is Grae's taut, bitter flow. Like many rappers, she spends too much time cutting down perceived rivals. But when she shines the light on herself, it's with an uncommon honesty and depth. [DOUG WALLEN, THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER]

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SONGS TO KEEP AN EAR OUT FOR

Menudo "Lost" Given the current avalanche of teen pop, it only makes sense that the experts at it, like Johnny Wright of 'N Sync fame, would dominate again. His revamping of the Menudo franchise is at its best with the single "Lost," an infectious midtempo dance number

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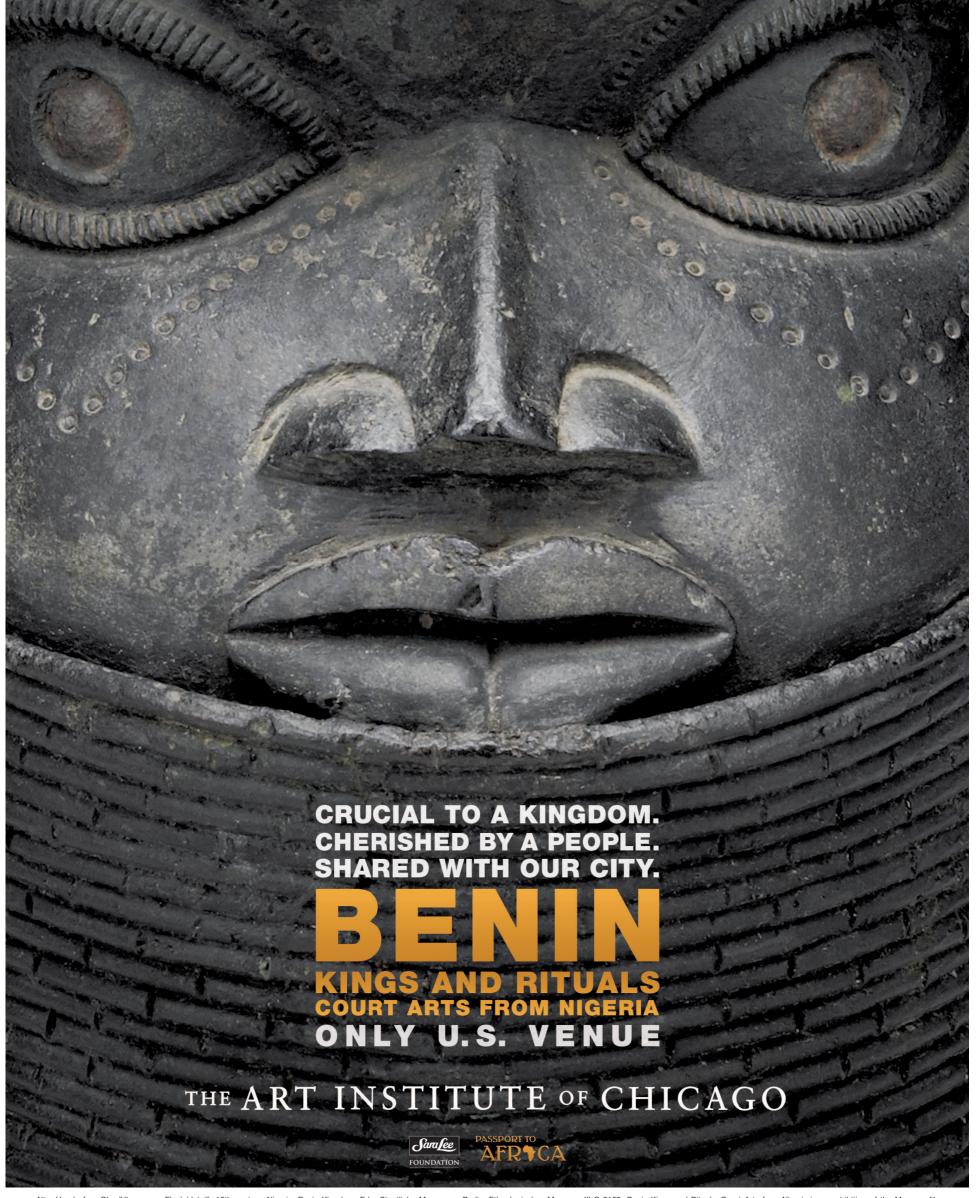
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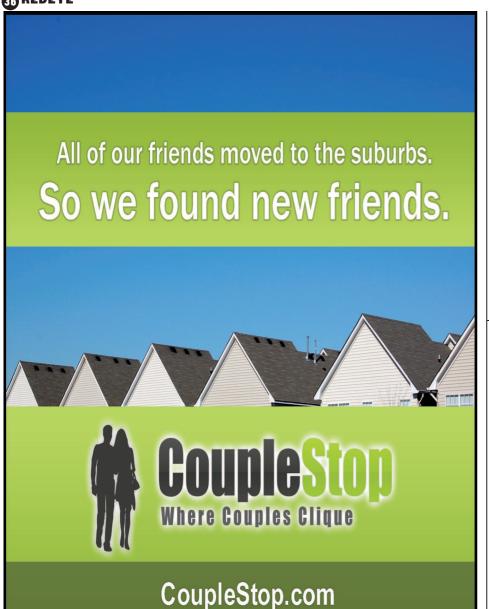
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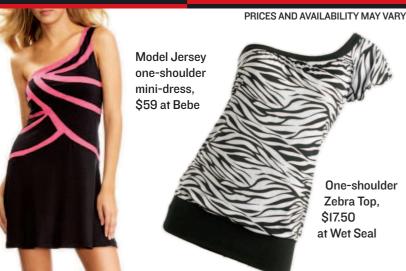








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For an easy, breezy look this summer, don a one-shoulder dress or top. The popular, Grecian-inspired dresses come in both long and short lengths. Try a floor-sweeping frock for a dramatic evening look. For a day of shopping, put on a flirty shorter style or



a sweet top. Either way, baring one shoulder this summer is the new way to keep cool. [Joanna Gustafson is a redeve special contributor.]



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[on the constant smoking of her "Burn Notice" character, Madeline Westen, the "pain in the side" mother of spy Michael]



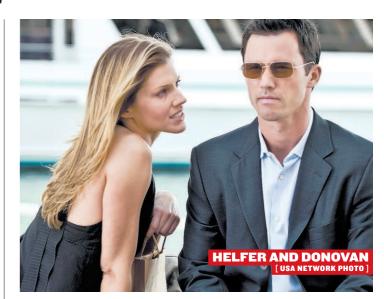
"Steve Carell may be the star of 'The Office,' but I am HUGE on the Internet."

BRIAN BAUMGARTNER

[on "The Office" actor's starring role as Kevin Malone in new Webisodes that begin Thursday at **nbc.com**]

MORE ONLINE

You can read complete interviews with these actors at redeyechicago. com/showpatrol.



Tricia Helfer phones it in

If you want to know anything about the mysterious new character Carla on USA's "Burn Notice," SHOW PATROL

By Curt Wagner

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don't ask the actress playing her.

Tricia Helfer can't help you.

"I'm definitely looking forward to finding out more of what Carla's doing and who she is. Just like she's mysterious to Michael and the audience, she kind of is to me at this point," Helfer told me recently.

"Carla is a strong and intelligent character, and it's the first time I'm playing human," she said during a call from the Vancouver set of "Battlestar Galactica," for which she has played the Cylon Number Six for five seasons.

Actually, Helfer knows a little more about Carla than that. The character is very human, and not just a voice on the phone. Carla has been keeping the fired—or burned as the show's jargon goes—CIA operative Michael Westen (Jeffrey Donovan) on his toes.

As Season 2 of the action-packed adventure series begins at 9 p.m. Thursday, Michael is sitting in the back of a semi that Carla insisted he enter. Then Carla calls with an "assignment" for him.

"She's the public face of the organization that burned Michael, and she's definitely one of the heads of the organization—to what extent I don't know," Helfer said. "But she's definitely at the top of her game. She's somebody who's very confident in her abilities."

Helfer's scenes in the early episodes are with Donovan and co-star Bruce Campbell, who plays Michael's ex-spy confidant. Helfer said the two men—and the rest of the main cast including Gabrielle Anwar and Sharon Gless—welcomed her aboard.

"It's always hard going in to a show that's already a well-oiled machine," she said. "To kind of go in new can be daunting, and it can be hard to feel like you fit in, but the whole crew and cast were just so welcoming of me. It was a really easy transition to go in and start working."

>> Read more from Tricia Helfer, listen to an audio clip and watch video previews of the series at **redeyechicago.com/showpatrol**.



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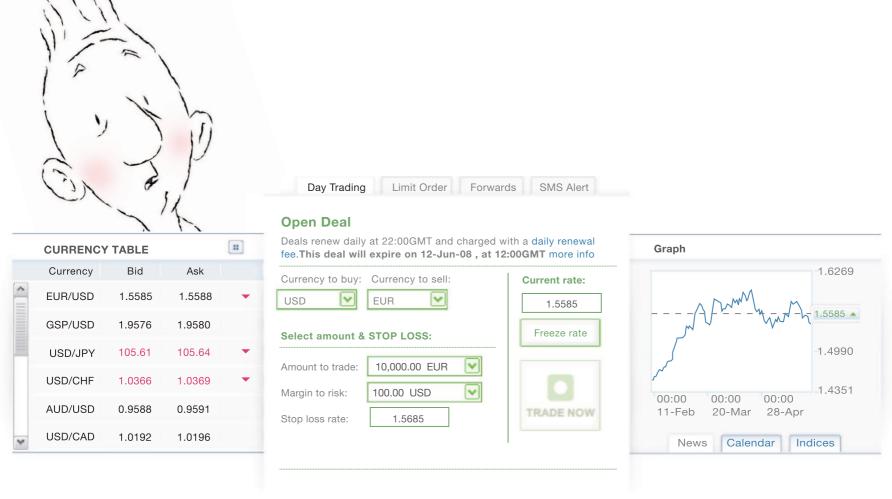
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Coming soon to a computer near you: Indie films

Los Angeles Times

Enter a cineplex this summer and you're basically wandering into a giant circus. Each tent pole—the biz term for a colossally expensive movie—is sure to include at least one outlandish main character. On your left, a man ages in reverse. On your right, a demon in a raincoat wields a revolver as big as a car. Up ahead, a man in a bat suit faces off with a murderous clown.

No room for nuance in these parts. Bohemians seeking boring reality-based "films" will have to look in the phone book for old movie houses with bad sound. Or you could try the Internet.

Yes. The independent movie, banished from theaters for its fiscal transgressions, is trying to find some life online. YouTube, that bastion of the uncinematic, took a surprising jump into the indie world a few weeks ago when it launched its Screening Room. In the Room, you'll find only jury-selected, independent short films (four new ones every two weeks). Each film on the first slate has attracted more than a quarter of a million views, a robust audience for small films that would otherwise be lucky to fill a few theaters with festival-goers before being shelved.



YouTube's new Screening Room brings users four new films every two weeks.

But movie-watching sites like YouTube, **jaman.com** and **indieflix.com** are just the top layer. There's a growing number of moviemaking Web sites that enable creators to gather and exchange ideas and expertise with one another and hired mentors.

One of these is **massify.com**, which provides a space where actors, directors and writers can assemble projects or compete

in one of the site's short-film contests.

Massify's innovative first project was to build a horror movie from the ground up. Writers were invited to upload story pitches, and actors submitted audition videos. The site's community members then voted on their favorite story and on which actors they thought deserved to be cast in the four main roles. The winning idea, "Perkins 14," is about a psychopath who kidnaps 14 people from Brightsville and brainwashes them, creating a unified team of psycho killers. The film, budgeted at \$1 million, is shooting in Romania.

Online film production outlets like Massify derive their value from doubling as a kind of new wave marketing opportunity for any brand willing to pay. The ingenious part of the model is that by recruiting talented creators to produce content related to an event or product (in this case, After Dark's horror fest), Massify converts its users into what it calls "brand ambassadors." It's better than word-of-mouth advertising because filmmakers and actors form a community around the brand, implicitly marketing to themselves and their peers by creating movies around it.

Filmaka.com (that's pronounced film make-uh) has found a webby new way to tap into the old tension between art and commerce. The site runs year-round contests in which aspiring filmmakers compete for real development deals, funding and attention from a heavy-duty list of jurors that includes the likes of Werner Herzog, Wim Wenders, Paul Schrader and Neil LaBute.



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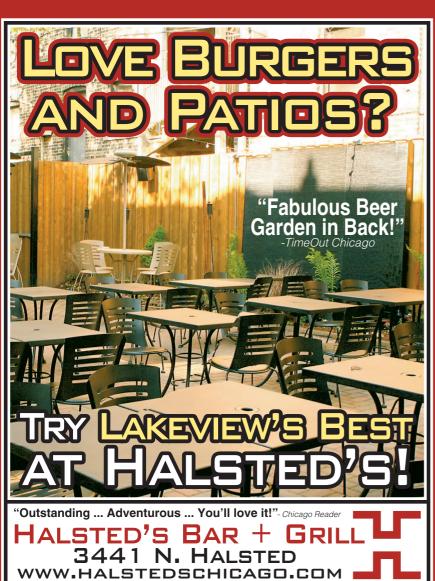
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"The Clone Wars" will be followed by an animated TV series of the same name debuting this fall on the Cartoon Network and TNT.

The movie and TV show are set between the action of the second and third chapters of Lucas' prequel trilogy, "Attack of the Clones" and "Revenge of the Sith."

The film centers on a galactic civil war, with Jedi knight Anakin Skywalker—the future villain Darth Vader—embarking on a mission that pits him and his apprentice against crime boss Jabba the Hutt.

The voice cast includes some veteran "Star Wars" performers, including Samuel L. Jackson as Mace Windu, Christopher Lee as Count Dooku and Anthony Daniels as C-3PO.

Among other key voice cast members are Matt Lander as Anakin, Ashley Eckstein as his apprentice Ahsoka Tano and James Arnold Taylor as Obi-Wan Kenobi.

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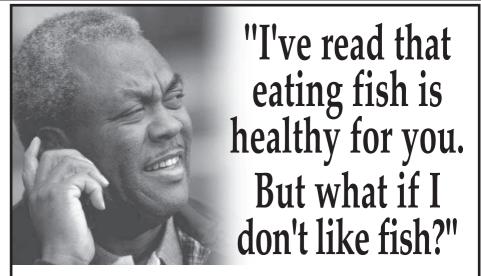
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Guys, if you like makeup, don't conceal it

While at O'Hare recently, I witnessed something so distracting that it nearly caused me to miss my flight.

Our gate agent was wearing an excessive amount of foundation on his face coupled with some glossy lipstick and mascara. So much makeup, in fact, that I found myself staring at him while he was trying to scan my ticket and usher us down the gangway.

He wasn't in full drag; he was just trying to look pretty, I suppose. But it was extremely distracting. His face was a deep orange while his neck was as pale as a sheet of paper. Instead of looking flawless like a female impersonator, he looked more like a ghost with a basketball for a head.

The problem wasn't that he was wearing makeup, but that he didn't know how to apply it correctly. He looked like he was testing the waters with an off-brand cosmetic and was drowning in it.

Society tends to place men who wear makeup into two categories: actor or gay-or gay actor, I suppose. But makeup lines for your everyday, average man - gay or straight—are becoming more popular.

Several cosmetic companies have launched makeup lines specifically for men. ILineForMen specializes in skin care and



cosmetic products and has R&B recording artist Ari Gold as its spokesman.

International cosmetic company 4VOO (pronounced For Vous, in case you were wondering) has a high-end Distinct Man line that features a wide range of products used by many celebrities.

And designer Jean-Paul Gauthier launched a male cosmetic line in 2003.

Even popular brands such as Mennen, Old Spice and Nivea have extended their lines to include moisturizers, lotions and age-defying creams for men. High-profile male celebrities have 'fessed up to wearing makeup, including Zac Efron, Sean Combs and guyliner fanatic Pete Wentz.

Save for some tan-colored Clearasil in high school and my one Halloween dragilicious moment as Ugly Betty, I have never worn any sort of makeup. As Betty, I looked like a hot tranny mess, so to speak.

As far as I know, none of my gay friends wears makeup or admits to wearing make-

up. But my friend Laura said her 34-yearold straight brother has worn concealer when he has a pimple. He was too embarrassed to buy it on his own and instead swiped it from his mom. But he liked that it made his complexion seem smoother and flawless.

When I mentioned that Nordstrom's sold a product line that offered coverup specifically for men, Laura vowed to tell her brother so he didn't have to swipe it from his mother's purse any longer.

Men wearing makeup is not that far removed from the skin care products most men use now: after-shaves, skin toners, face lotions, lip balms and astringents. Is shinereduction powder, concealer or lip plumping serum that much of a stretch?

Many professional men from CEOs to the sales department get manicures to improve their overall appearance, and lots of men both straight and gay get waxed or have laser hair treatments to have smoother skin.

Men are just as vain as women, if not more so. Everyone wants to put their best face forward, so why not accept a little cosmetic help? [SEX COLUMNIST JASON STEELE IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.]

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Is life imitating art?

Call us crazy, but it looks like a case could be made that the cast of "He's Just Not That Into You" is falling victim to the same sorts of problems their characters face in the romantic comedy that's due out early next year.

Three of the film's stars-Drew Barrymore, Scarlett Johansson and Justin Long—have been in the news recently for being a part of relationships that ... well, let's just say that they didn't work out.

The sting of rejection no doubt smarts, but it's got to be extra tough after you've filmed a whole project about the complications of modern relationships.

Are their troubles the result of some kind of cosmic rom-com curse, or is it all just a weird coincidence? We can't say for sure, but we can take a moment to look at the facts. [JIM WALSH, REDEYE]

EXHIBIT A

Drew Barrymore and Justin Long's breakup

The co-starring couple had been linked since August, according to People, and their public relationship seemed to grow hotter as the months wore on. Long, a.k.a. the Mac guy, gushed on a recent "Oprah" taping that Barrymore was "the most compassionate person I've ever met," The Associated Press reports, and Barrymore even told Vogue magazine in March that her "cheeks hurt," because she was so happy with the relationship. So it was a bit of a shock this week when Barrymore's rep confirmed that the two had split. No word yet on who dumped whom.



Not that into you!

EXHIBIT B

Scarlett Johansson and Barack Obama's e-mails

After the Hollywood starlet (top) suggested last month that she emails back and forth with the presidential hopeful, Obama (bottom) was quick to quash the rumor that they're e-buddies. "I write saying, 'Thank you, Scarlett, for doing what you do,' and suddenly we have this e-mail relationship," Obama told reporters. It was way harsh. The "He's Just Not That Into You" headlines wrote themselves.





EXHIBIT C

Jennifer Aniston

OK, so technically Aniston hasn't seen any relationships go sour of late. By all accounts, her fling with John Mayer is going smashingly (she's a fixture on the crooner's summer tour, according to People, and she has even followed him to London). But Aniston has a history of high-profile breakups (cough, Brad Pitt divorce, cough). And it's not helping things that she left the side of Vince Vaughn after co-starring with him in-wait for it-a romantic comedy appropriately titled "The Break-Up."



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Steamy playlist

Tony Romo just can't seem to get enough of Jessica Simpson.

The Dallas Cowboys star tells People magazine that he has his lady's tunes on his iPod.

When the mag asked his top three iPod picks, Romo listed "Something by Jessica Simpson" along with Guns N' Roses' "Sweet Child O' Mine" and Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'."

Now if only we knew which Simpson track it





Harder, better, faster, stronger

Jessica Biel doesn't care what you think—at least not nowadays, anyway.

The "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry" star tells Harper's Bazaar that she used to have something of an inferiority complex, but it's all behind her

"I felt for a long time that I wasn't ballsy enough. Not cool enough. Not strong enough. Too much of a pushover. But at this point in my life, I'm so thankful for the values that I had growing up, and I don't care about that stuff anymore.'

Dressed to impress

A little cross-dressing isn't out of the ordinary in the home of actress Gwyneth Paltrow and Coldplay frontman Chris Martin.

Paltrow tells People that when their daughter Apple, 4, and son Moses, 2, play together, dress-up is the name of the game.

"She makes [Moses] cross-dress," Paltrow tells the mag, adding that Apple "doesn't put makeup on him."

Paltrow says her daughter is a total girl's girl.

"She puts on the eye shadow and my high heels," says Mom. "She likes to take my tank tops and make them a dress."

Like a prayer

Supermodel Christie Brinkley says she's praying for a settlement in her divorce trial with architect Peter Cook. The Long Island battle has been put on hold, The Associated Press reports, but when asked Wednesday if a settlement is in the works, Brinkley pressed her palms together and replied: "It's what I hope and pray for."

Solid!

Brian Austin Green and fiance Megan Fox are like a rock, Green tells the new issue of TV Guide, according to excerpts on usmagazine.com. "We've lived together for three years. We have tattoos of each other's names." The former "90210" was responding to a rumor that his relationship with Fox was in jeopardy.

THE DIGIT

That's how many years Jennifer Lopez's restaurant Madres had been open before it was shuttered. Tmz. com reported Wednesday that a sign on the door of the Pasadena, Calif., spot notified customers that the Latin restaurant would be closed until further notice.



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BABY TALK

Cover Girls

Call it Mommy 101. Jamie Lynn Spears opened up to OK! Magazine about life as a new mom and the delivery of her newborn daughter, Maddie Briann.

"It was such a big day," said Spears, who posed for the magazine's cover with Maddie. "And being able to have your sister there, your whole family there, meant a lot. Everybody flew in to celebrate."

Little Maddie takes after daddy, Spears' fiance Casey Aldridge. "As much as I'd like her to look like me—I just carried her for nine months—she looks like Casey! He reminds me of it every day."

The couple plans to raise Maddie in Louisiana, and Spears says she'd love to be a soccer mom.





THURSDAY

Can't you just see that little boy following his dad on the beach in Malibu with a surf board over his head? ... That little boy's not going to need anything. He's not going to wear anything but a bathing suit—and maybe not even that!"

[Matthew McConaughey's mom, Kay, talking to People magazine about the birth of her grandchild, Levi]



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Angelina hospital shots? Picture imperfect

Have you seen the latest paparazzi pictures of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt awaiting the arrival of their twins in their French hospital room?

If you think you have, you haven't. It's "impossible."

Lenval hospital in Nice said in a statement that it has covered the windows of her room (left) with a special material to prevent paparazzi from taking pictures of the two, according to The Associated Press.

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"So any pictures released are either posed fakes set up by paparazzi or they are pictures of other patients," the hospital said. "We hope this is clearly understood out of respect for all patients in this clinic."

Moral of the story? Don't believe everything you see.



BABY MAMA

There are four children in the Angelina Jolie-Brad Pitt

household so far. How many of them did she give birth to? Text "kids" and the number of your answer to 47383. You'll get a message in return telling you if you got the answer right.

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The write stuff

Quentin Tarantino is reportedly hard at work these days on a new film project—and an A-list actor is rumored to star in it.

Tarantino, the director of smash hits such as "Pulp Fiction" and "Kill Bill," is working on the screenplay of "Inglorious Bastards," a World War II action story about a group of soldiers behind enemy lines, according to The Hollywood Report-

er. The film project is on the fast track so it can be submitted to the Cannes Film Festival in May, the trade paper reported.

There's no cast yet, but Brad Pitt, now awaiting the arrival of his baby twins, is rumored to be involved, the Reporter said.

Mayer McHookup

John Mayer has quite the relationship record: Jennifer Love Hewitt, Cameron Diaz, Jessica Simpson, to name a few. And then there was that fan.

During a radio station performance in New York City, a concertgoer asked if he'd "hooked up" with a fan from a performance, according to **people.com.**

"Do you respect my honesty? Yes, I have," Mayer answered. "But that was before camera phones were around!" He doesn't seem to be dreaming with a broken heart over it. After all, he's got Jennifer Aniston now.

Sing it, sister?

Ali Lohan, I4, tells People that her upcoming single, "All The Way Around" is "more hip-hop" than Miley Cyrus' sound. Let's plot teen pop-tarts on RedEye's hip-hop meter, shall we?

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THE DIGIT

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Copies of G-Unit's latest, "T.O.S. (Terminate on Sight)" sold in its opening week, according to E!, behind Lil Wayne and Coldplay.